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MEMORANDUM FOR: REAR ADMIRAL SIDNEY W. SOUERS,
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: The Practicability of State Department
Operation of FBIS (Foreign Broadcast
Intelligence Service)

As a result of the discussion during the meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Board on May 9, 1946, and a subsequent conference with representatives of the Central Planning Staff of CIG and G-2, the Department has made a careful study of the practicability of its taking over the operation of FBIS from the War Department. The Department concludes:

- a. That it is not practicable for it to assume responsibility for the operation of FBIS.
- b. That it concurs with the Director of Central Intelligence in the view that the War Department should properly continue to have responsibility for the operation of FBIS, at least during fiscal 1947.
- c. That a comprehensive program for the relocation of the facilities used by FBIS should be undertaken to improve the coverage of broadcast intelligence.
- d. That direction of the monitoring effort should be assumed by the Director of Central Intelligence, and that the Department is prepared to collaborate closely with the Director in that connection.
- e. That the service provided by FBIS is of great value, and that the Department will be ready to support budget requests for FBIS.

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